

sanction the promotion to Commissioned Rank of a number of selected Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines, and to provide that Officers so promoted should be permitted to retire after 10 years' commissioned service, or on attaining the age of 55 years, on the same conditions as those applicable to Quartermasters, R.M.:

"And whereas we consider that these Officers should be allowed to retire prior to completing 10 years' commissioned service.

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of the proposals contained in the accompanying Schedule.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

" SCHEDULE.

" GRATUITIES AND RETIRED PAY OF WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS PROMOTED TO COMBATANT COMMISSIONS IN THE ROYAL MARINES.

"1. Officers who, before being commissioned, were serving as Warrant Officers or Non-Commissioned Officers on ordinary peace attestations, and are promoted to permanent combatant commissions subsequent to the 4th August, 1914, and during the period of the War which commenced on that date, to be permitted to retire, on the termination of Hostilities, with gratuities or retired pay, in accordance with the following scale:—

Position when Commissioned. Gratuity or Retired Pay.

- (a) With 9 to 15 years' Gratuity of £400 with service from the an additional £100 age of 18, service for each year over 9. in the Ranks, or as Warrant Officer counting as full time.
- (b) With 15 or more Retired pay of £80 a years' service as year, or a gratuity of above. £1,000.

"Officers who wish to continue to serve after the termination of Hostilities to be permitted to do so, and in that event to be eligible for Retired Pay as laid down in 2 below.

"Officers also to be eligible to retire at any time after the close of Hostilities on the special rate of Gratuity or Retired Pay laid down above, for which they would have been eligible at the close of Hostilities, should they elect to retire before becoming eligible for the rate of Retired Pay in 2 below.

2. Lieutenants or Captains to be granted Retired Pay according to the following scale:—

	Yearly.
After 15 years' service	£80
" 16 " "	85
" 17 " "	90
" 18 " "	100
" 19 " "	110
" 20 " "	125
" 21 " "	140
" 22 " "	160
" 23 " "	180
" 24 " " or more	200

"Service to reckon from the age of 18. Service in the Ranks to count as half, and ser-

vice as Warrant Officer to count as full time in reckoning the service above."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *December*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 12th day of October, in the year 1916, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the Church and Cure (hereinafter called 'The said Benefice') of Burton Hastings, in the County of Warwick, and in the Diocese of Worcester:

"Whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Burton Hastings is vested for an estate in fee simple, in possession, free from incumbrances, in Alfred Ernest Hawley, of Leicester Grange, Wolvey, in the said County of Warwick, Esquire:

"And whereas the said Alfred Ernest Hawley is desirous that the whole Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said Benefice of Burton Hastings, now vested in him as aforesaid, should be transferred to and be vested in the Right Reverend Huyshe Wolcott, now Bishop of Worcester, and his Successors in the same Bishopric:

"And whereas the said Huyshe Wolcott, Bishop of Worcester, is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness, and also in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the Diocese which by the Acts in the hereinbefore-mentioned Act recited, or by some or one of them, is made-necessary, he, the said Huyshe Wolcott, Bishop of Worcester, has executed this Scheme as hereinafter mentioned:

"And whereas the transfer of the Patronage of the said Benefice of Burton Hastings, which